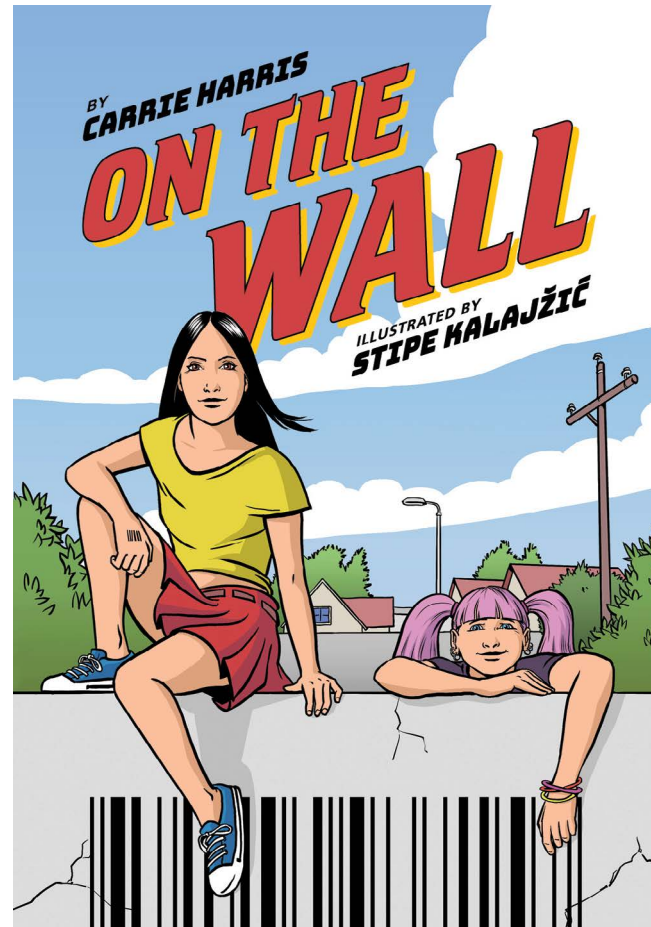


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## ON THE WALL

BY CARRIE HARRIS

ILLUSTRATED BY STIPE KALAJŽIĆ

ISBN: 978-1-944937-15-7

Paperback | \$18.95 | 100 pages | 7 X 10 in. |

Graphic Novel | On sale 06.06.17

Mirror, mirror on the wall. Who's the biggest loser of them all? Mira Mason has the world's most useless superpower: she can pass through shiny objects. As far as powers go, it's super-lame. Being a teenager is tough enough without throwing a useless power into the mix. The world is afraid of supes, but it's silly to be scared of a girl who can phase through a salad fork with the greatest of ease. All Mira wants to do is put the resident mean girl in her place, get her powers teacher off her back, and convince her crush with the mesmerizing eyes that she exists. But someone with a power like Mira's is popping out of mirrors to spy on local girls like a total creeper. Mira just wants to be normal, but sometimes a girl and her superpowered friends have to make a stand. Superheroes meet teen drama in this exciting new graphic novel written by Carrie Harris and drawn by Stipe Kalajžić.

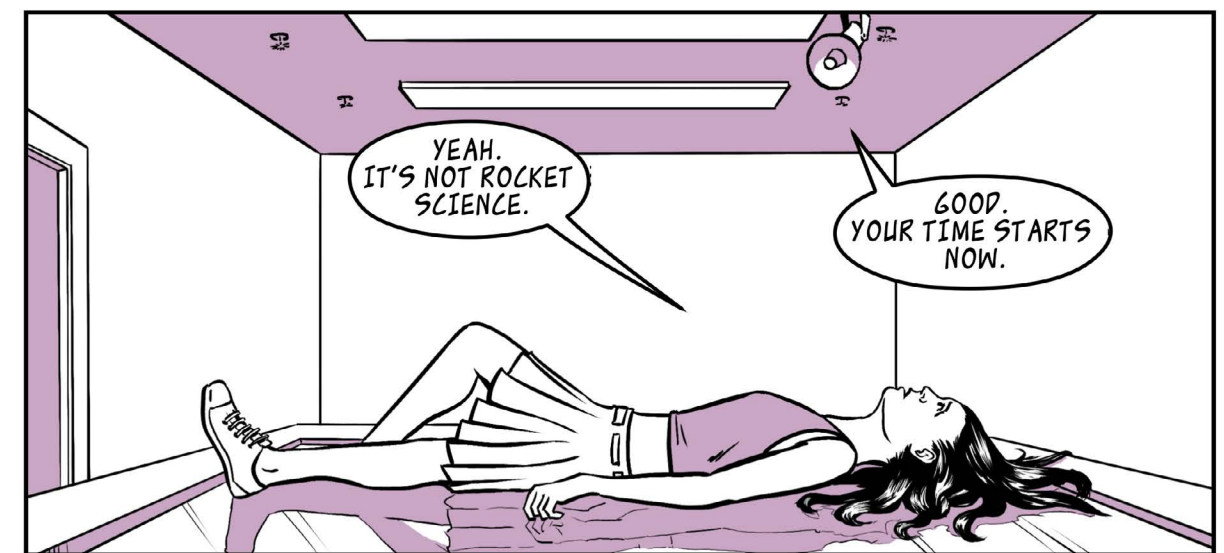
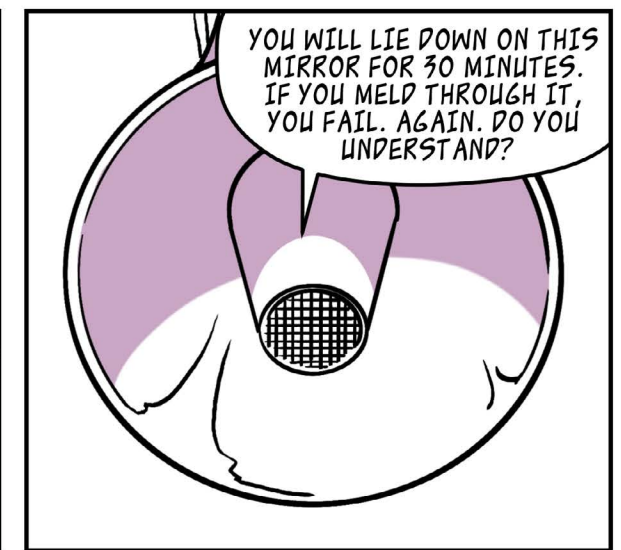
**CARRIE HARRIS** is an author and game designer by day and wannabe superhero by night. When there are no words to write or villains to defeat, she bakes monster themed cupcakes and mainlines caffeine like whoa. Carrie lives in Utah with her husband and three children, where they are secretly a super-team.

**Stipe Kalajžić**, an architect by trade and comic book artist by choice, decided to leave his job and try his luck as a commercial illustrator. In his spare time he volunteers at a bicycle co-op, repairing bikes and drawing a comic strip for the shop. He lives and works in Zagreb, Croatia with his wife and son. On the Wall marks his full-fledged graphic novel debut.

### What to know:

- **BAD TASTE IN BOYS**, Carrie's first novel, was named as an ALA 2012 Quick Pick for Reluctant Readers.
- Carrie was the president of Class of 2k11, a group of debut authors of teen and tween books, and is a former organizer of WriteOnCon.
- Carrie is the Director of Marketing for Evil Hat Productions.

**GHOST WORLD MEETS THE X-MEN IS THIS NEW ADVENTUROUS GRAPHIC NOVEL!**





## DO IT

WRITTEN BY RIANA MOLLER

ISBN: 978-1-944937-16-4  
Paperback | \$18.95 | 100 pages | 6 X 9 in. |  
Graphic Novel | On sale 5.09.17

“Do it,” is what Riana Moller told herself as she fantasized and planned about the day she would kill her classmates to free herself from their bullying. She wrote a manifesto. She drew maps of the school. But before she ever acted on her violent ambitions, she found an exit from the cycle of pain and delusion that had consumed her. “Do It,” her debut graphic novel, chronicles her journey from grief and fear to freedom in hopes that other suffering young people will find the peace that she did.

**RIANA MOLLER** is an artist and illustrator, and has spent most of her career working with top video game studios around the world. When she was young, art offered her an escape from the hostile, depressing, and abusive environment she grew up in. She wrote “Do It,” a chronicle of her personal journey out of the misery and isolation of her youth, in hopes that she might inspire other suffering people to do the same. “Do It” is her first graphic novel.

**A LOOK INTO THE MIND OF A SCHOOL SHOOTER, FROM AN ARTIST WHO ONCE PLANNED AN ATTACK HERSELF.**

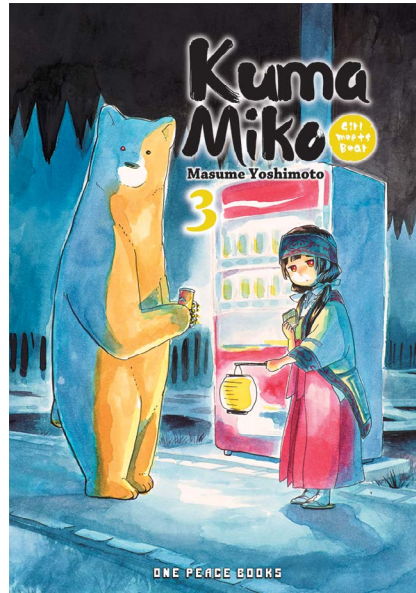
### What to know:

- True story of a controversial and timely topic.
- Artist well-established and supported by the online art community.

### Marketing:

- Author interviews.
- Pledged support from major online media and free-thought outlets (youtube and blogs).
- Reviews slated with major publications. Aggressive marketing on social media marketing.





# KUMA MIKO: GIRL MEETS BEAR VOL. 3-4

BY MASUME YOSHIMOTO

ISBN: Vol. 3 978-1-944937-13-3 / Vol. 4 978-1-944937-14-0  
 Paperback | \$11.95 | 160 pages | 5X7 in. | Manga |  
 On sale 2.14.17 / 4.18.17

Machi is 14 years old and has spent her whole life in the Touhoku Mountains as a miko. Raised alongside a talking bear, Natsu, she knows nothing of modern life. But, she's enthralled with its mysteries and determined to figure them out. Natsu attempts to prepare her for the trials and tribulations she will face entering the fast-paced city in this comical coming of age story of a backwoods girl in Japan.

MASUME YOSHIMOTO, originally from Niigata Prefecture, won the 6th Annual Niigata Manga Prize in 2003. Masume also won the Maya Mineo Excellence Award at an early age. However, in 2013, Masume made a professional debut in Monthly Comic Flapper magazine with Kuma Miko. Kuma Miko has since become a massive hit. In 2016, an animated series adaptation was officially announced.

## THE MANGA THAT STARTED AN ANIME SENSATION!

### What to know:

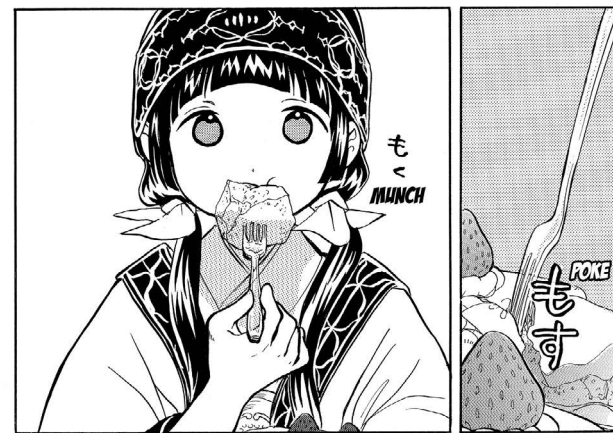
- The series has already sold over 600,000 copies worldwide!
- An animation adaptation has been licensed and will start airing in 2016.
- The series is presently being translated into Thai and Chinese!

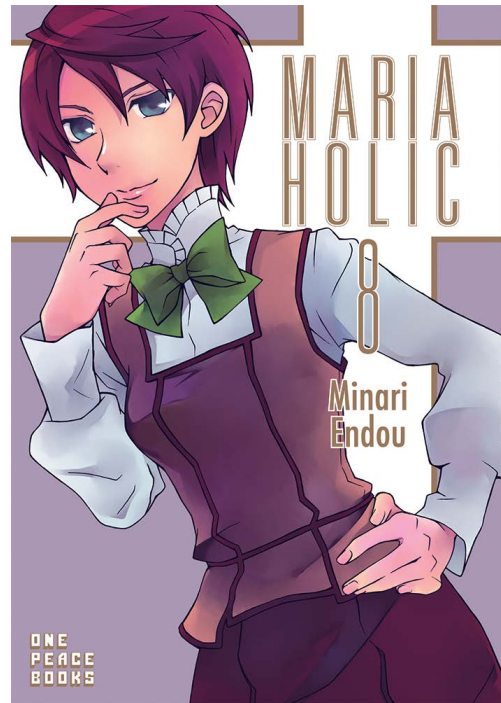


## DON'T FORGET VOLUMES 1 & 2!

ISBN: Vol. 1 978-1-935548-53-9 / Vol. 2 978-1-935548-52-2  
 Paperback | \$11.95 | 160 pages | 5X7 in. | Manga |  
 On sale now!

Available at Diamond Comics Distributors:  
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## MARIA HOLIC VOL. 8-9 BY MINARI ENDOU

ISBN: Vol. 8 978-1-944937-11-9 / Vol. 9 978-1-944937-12-6  
Paperback | \$11.95 | 160 pages | 5X7 in. | Manga |  
On sale 1.17.17 / 3.14.17

**Volume 8:** Kanako's birthday party is set for the end of summer vacation. Our "protagonist," Kanako, is just about to rejoice in finally having some happiness, but she soon discovers that her greatest troubles lie ahead. This volume marks the start of the second school term for a yuri-loving girl and a cross-dressing sadistic boy in this high tension love comedy!

**Volume 9:** The dorm leader has a plan to help Kanako, who neglects reality and forgets to consult her bathroom scale all summer long—a Quest Diet! Kanako agrees to be the hero and complete her quest, but what is going on with Kanae and Rindo's secret talks? And what secrets does the upcoming Kyudo tournament hold? Summer vacation is never-ending for a yuri-loving girl and a cross-dressing sadistic boy in this high tension love comedy!

**MARIA ENDOU** is a Japanese manga-ka. Her mega-hit Maria Holic debuted in Monthly Comic Alive magazine in 2006 and ran until 2015. From 2009 to 2011 it was also adapted into a hit animated series.

### THE MARIA HOLIC SERIES CONTINUES!

#### What to know:

- **Over 1,900,000 copies have already sold worldwide!**
- **Translated into Thai, Chinese, Korean, and Indonesian!**
- **It has been licensed and adapted into a hit animated series!**



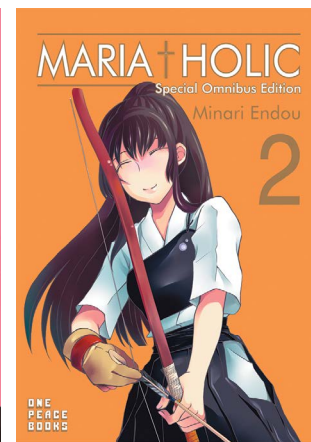
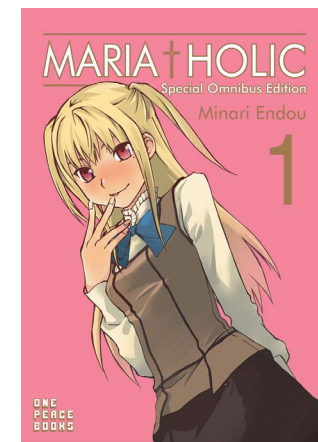
### ALSO AVAILABLE IN THE MARIA HOLIC SERIES!

## MARIA HOLIC 7 BY MINARI ENDOU

ISBN: 978-1-944937-01-0  
Paperback | \$11.95 | 160 pages | 5X7 in. | Manga |  
On sale now!

**Previously released English editions left off at volume 6. This volume official continues the series!**

### DON'T FORGET TO PICK UP THE OMNIBUS EDITIONS FOR THE MEGA MARIA HOLIC FANS!



## MARIA HOLIC: SPECIAL OMNIBUS EDITION BY MINARI ENDOU

ISBN: Vol. 1 978-1-935548-84-3 / Vol. 2 978-1-944937-00-3  
Paperback | \$16.95 | 500 pages | 5X7 in. | Manga |  
On sale now!

**Available at Diamond Comics Distributors:**  
Diamond item number: Vol. 1 **MAY161659**  
Vol. 2 **JUN161689**

Kanako is excited to be transferring into a new all-girl mission school. She's looking for her ideal yuri partner. When she meets Mariya Shidou she thinks she's found the one. But wait! Mariya is a cross-dressing sadistic boy and now Kanako is forced to keep his secret! But that's not all. To complicate things she's drawing the attention of the most popular girl in school and, at the same time, catching the wrath of all the other girls. Will Kanako ever find the cute girl of her dreams? Or will she die of sexual-frustration nosebleeds? Love is a complicated affair for Kanako and the girls of Maria Holic.

Special Omnibus Edition Volume 1-2 contain previously released volumes 1-6. Enjoy Maria Holic all over again, or for the first time, in this new consolidated edition!



# THE RISING OF THE SHIELD HERO

VOLUME 07 - 08  
BY ANEKO YUSAGI

ISBN: Vol. 7 978-1-944937-08-9 / Vol. 8 978-1-944937-09-6  
Paperback | \$13.95 | 400 pages | 5X7 in. | Fiction  
On sale 4.18.16 / 6.13.17

Naofumi Iwatani, an uncharismatic Otaku who spends his days on games and manga, suddenly finds himself summoned to a parallel universe! He discovers he is one of four heroes equipped with legendary weapons and tasked with saving the world from its prophesied destruction. As the Shield Hero, the weakest of the heroes, all is not as it seems. Naofumi is soon alone, penniless, and betrayed. With no one to turn to, and nowhere to run, he is left with only his shield. Now, Naofumi must rise to become the legendary Shield Hero and save the world!

**ANEKO YUSAGI** was born in Kanagawa. After growing interested in reading and gaming, Aneko began to write novels. Aneko wrote *The Rising of the Shield Hero* and began posting it online. After updating the story daily, an unprecedented amount of readers became addicted to the rapid pace of the advancing story, and the novel became an online hit. It was first collected and published by Media Factory in Japan in August of 2013. Aneko Yusagi was recently quoted saying, "I will rise and find great success in life."

**THE LIGHT NOVEL SERIES GIVING RISE TO A WHOLE NEW GENRE!**

**What to know:**

- Originally a web novel and posted on the popular Japanese site [syosetsu.com](http://syosetsu.com), it received over 606,000,000 views.
- The printed editions have sold over 260,000 copies.
- Translated into eight different languages.
- Massive fan base already exists for the series worldwide.
- First six volumes are already available in English.





## THE RISING OF THE SHIELD HERO

THE MANGA COMPANION VOLUME 06

BY AIYA KYU

ORIGINAL STORY BY ANEKO YUSAGI

CHARACTER DESIGN BY MINAMI SEIRA

Vol. 06: 978-1-944937-10-2

Paperback | \$11.95 | 168 pages | 5X7 in. |

Graphic Novel | On sale 05.16.17

Naofumi Iwatani, an uncharismatic Otaku who spends his days on games and manga, suddenly finds himself summoned to a parallel universe! He discovers he is one of four heroes equipped with legendary weapons and tasked with saving the world from its prophesied destruction. As the Shield Hero, the weakest of the heroes, all is not as it seems. Naofumi is soon alone, penniless, and betrayed. With no one to turn to, and nowhere to run, he is left with only his shield. Now, Naofumi must rise to become the legendary Shield Hero and save the world!

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**THE MANGA COMPANION TO THE SHIELD HERO UNIVERSE!**

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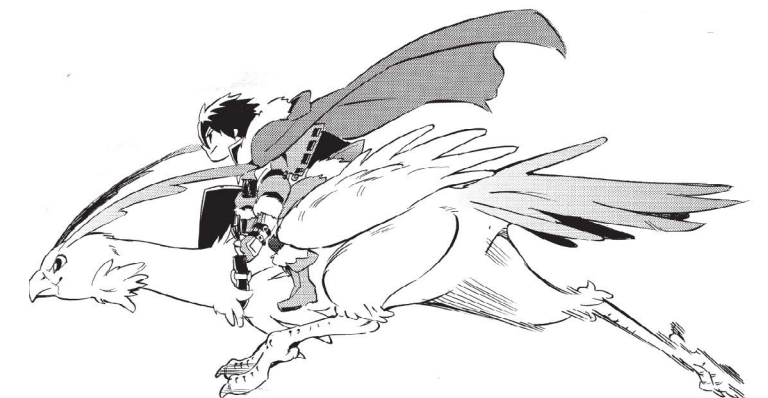
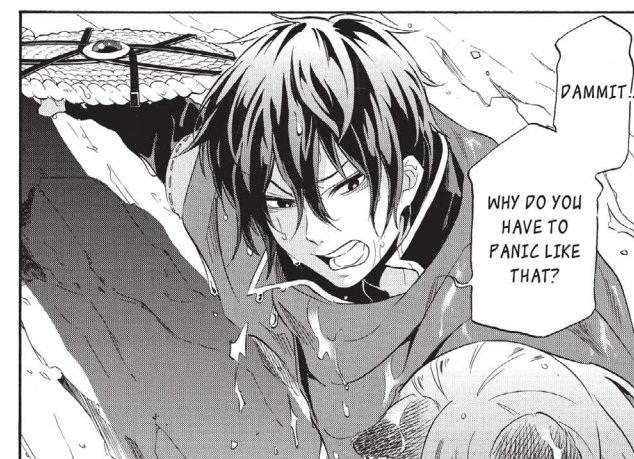
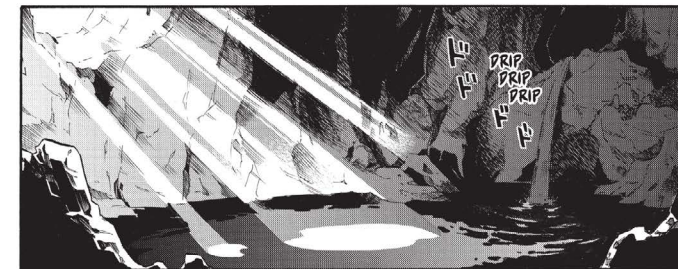
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- First four volumes are already available in English.



Available to order from Ingram, Baker & Taylor, and SCB Distributors: 800-729-6423

## ALSO AVAILABLE IN THE SHIELD HERO SAGA!



## THE RISING OF THE SHIELD HERO

BY ANEKO YUSAGI

VOLUME 01 - 06

- Vol. 01 ISBN: 978-1-935548-72-0
- Vol. 02 ISBN: 978-1-935548-78-2
- Vol. 03 ISBN: 978-1-935548-66-9
- Vol. 04 ISBN: 978-1-935548-65-2
- Vol. 05 ISBN: 978-1-935548-67-6
- Vol. 06 ISBN: 978-1-935548-56-0



## THE RISING OF THE SHIELD HERO THE MANGA COMPANION VOLUME 01 - 05

BY AIYA KYU  
ORIGINAL STORY BY ANEKO YUSAGI  
CHARACTER DESIGN BY MINAMI SEIRA

- Vol. 01 ISBN: 978-1-935548-70-6
- Vol. 02 ISBN: 978-1-935548-89-8
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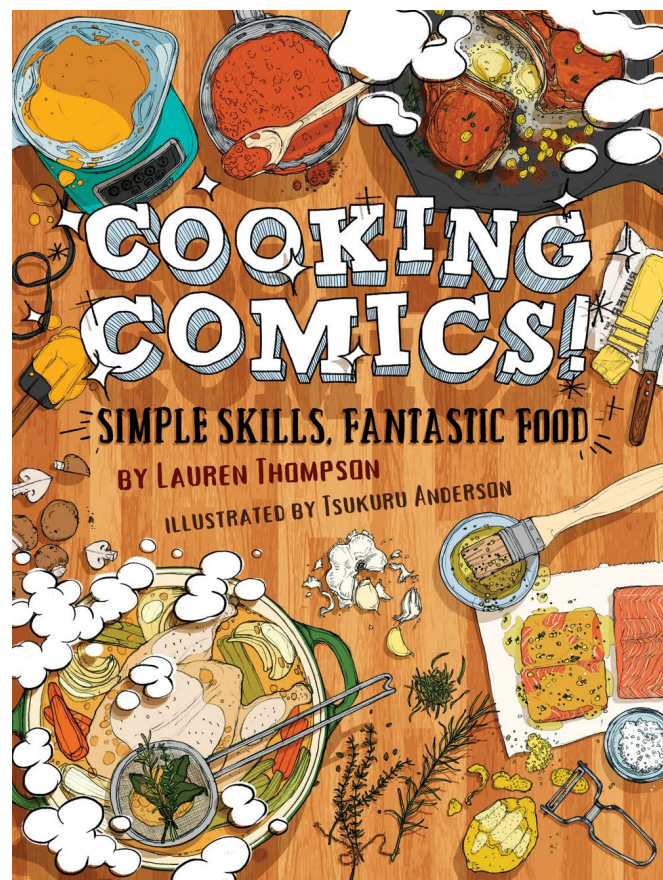
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## COOKING COMICS! SIMPLE SKILLS, FANTASTIC FOOD

BY LAUREN THOMPSON

ILLUSTRATED BY TSUKURU ANDERSON

ISBN: 978-1-944937-04-1  
Paperback | \$19.95 | 100 pages | 7.5 X 11 in. |  
Cooking | On sale 12.06.16

Do you love food? Do you love comics? Cooking Comics! is a fully illustrated comic-book-style introduction to the skills you need to master the kitchen! Not only will you learn kitchen fundamentals, but you will also learn delicious and versatile recipes utilizing those techniques—complete with options to dress up your meals or quick shortcuts to simplify your mouth-watering creations. This is the most complete introduction to fundamental kitchen skills you need to go from novice to pro, all while having fun reading comics!

**LAUREN THOMPSON** has been an instructor in the culinary arts for years, and has worked in some of the best restaurants in the country, currently she is the chef-de-cuisine at the renown Café Juanita. She lives

**GO FROM KITCHEN NOVICE TO  
KITCHEN MASTER WITH THIS FUN  
COMIC-STYLE GUIDE TO CULINARY  
MAGIC!**

### What to know:

- **Unique in its genre!**
- **Chef from prestigious pedigree!**
- **Built in fanbase in the American Northwest!**
- **Appeals to cooks of all skill levels!**

### Marketing:

- **Built in community support in the American Northwest!**
- **Targeted ad campaign!**
- **Reading copies available.**



## KID CRAZY AND THE KILOWATT KING

WRITTEN BY CLAUDIO SANCHEZ

ILLUSTRATED BY ARTHUR MASK

ISBN: 978-1-944937-03-4  
Hardcover | \$24.95 | 80 pages | 8 X 9 in. |  
Children's Picture Book | On sale 10.04.16

Kid Crazy Carlson thirsts for adventure in the far-off and bustling City of Ever. One day he meets a robot that warns him of the grumpy Kilowatt King that rules there—who forces people to sing for him. Despite the robot's warning, Kid decides to make the voyage to the city and the two travel in a car made of bread through candy bar men, robot travelers, and dancing elephants to reach their destination. Finally, Kid stands before the sour King Kilowatt and teaches him a lesson in manners: the value of the word "please."

**CLAUDIO SANCHEZ** is frontman of the multi-platinum selling rock band Coheed and Cambria. He is also a New York Times Bestselling Graphic Novelist. To date, he has created the wildly popular sci-fi series THE AMORY WARS; the musical dark comedy KILL AUDIO; the apocalyptic survival tale KEY OF Z; and the newly released superhero story TRANSLUCID.

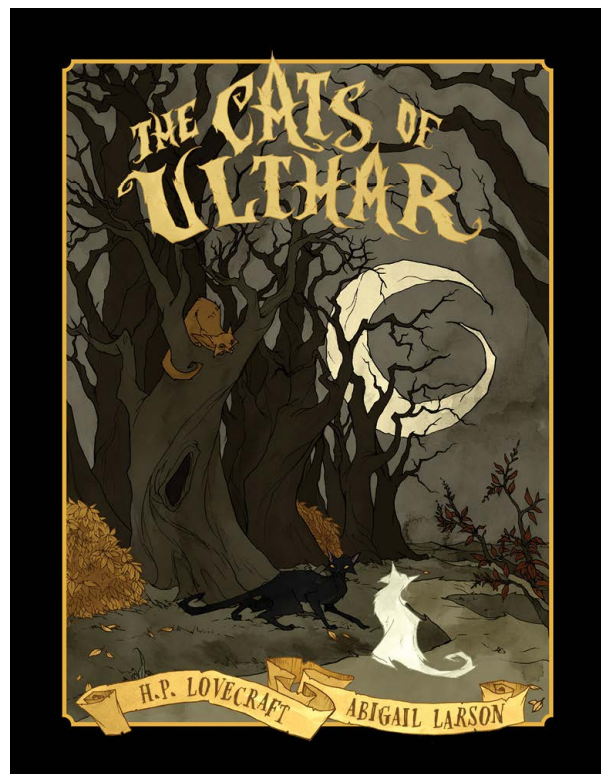
**A CHILDREN'S BOOK FROM THE  
FRONTMAN OF MULTI-PLATINUM  
SELLING BAND "COHEED AND  
CAMBRIA"**

### What to know:

- **Claudio Sanchez is a NYT best selling author.**
- **The marketing power of roc city records!**
- **Aggressive promotion at comic conventions and through the mega-popular band's website!**
- **Huge fan base for the author's work already established!**
- **Author book tour in conjunction with his other best selling titles!**

### Marketing:

- **Author tours nationally with his band and has incredible name recognition!**
- **Book highly visible on band's highly trafficked website!**
- **Massive social media reach!**
- **Reading copies available.**



## THE CATS OF ULTHAR

BY H.P. LOVECRAFT

ILLUSTRATED BY ABIGAIL LARSON

ISBN: 978-1-944937-05-8

Hardcover | \$18.95 | 24 pages | 8.5 X 11 in. |  
Children's Picture Book | On sale 11.15.16

It is said in Ulthar that no man may kill a cat. But before the burgesses forbade the killing of cats, there dwelt an old coter and his wife who delighted to trap and slay them. Shortly after a caravan of strange wanderers arrives to town, the kitten of an orphan boy goes missing. The boy, distraught, learns of the couple and invokes a strange prayer. The dark travelers leave that night and a curious event takes place that changes the town forever. *The Cats of Ulthar* was written in 1920 by American Fantasy author H.P. Lovecraft. Celebrated artist Abigail Larson brings it back to life with her dark, gothic style.

**H.P. LOVECRAFT** was an American author who achieved posthumous fame through his influential works of horror fiction. Virtually unknown and only published in pulp magazines before he died in poverty, he is now regarded as one of the most significant 20th-century authors in his genre. Lovecraft was born in Providence, Rhode Island, where he spent most of his life.

**Abigail Larson** has shown her artwork in many galleries across the United States and Europe, including New York and Paris. Her work has appeared in such publications as *Art Fundamentals*, *The Graphic Canon of Children's Literature*, and *Digital Artist*. She has also illustrated several other children's books, including *Sarah Faire* and *the House at the End of the World* and *Monster Goose Nursery Rhymes*. You can find Abigail online at: [www.abigailarson.com](http://www.abigailarson.com)

**A CLASSIC H.P. LOVECRAFT TALE FOR ALL AGES!**

### What to know:

- *H.P. Lovecraft is a cherished author who received much posthumous fame through pulp and horror magazines.*
- *This book appeals to both children who delight in horror and mystery stories, but also the gothic and alternative YA market.*
- *Abigail Larson is an award winning illustrator with multiple books published.*

### Marketing:

- *Awards and nominations for major children's literary awards.*
- *Free reading copies available.*
- *Reviews on all major picture book blogs, websites, and magazines!*



## BELUSHI: ON A MISSION FROM GOD

WRITTEN BY ALBERTO SCHIAVONE

ILLUSTRATED BY MATTEO MANERA

ISBN: 978-1-935548-83-6

Paperback | \$18.95 | 112 pages | 6.5 X 9.5 in. |  
Graphic Novel

Animal House. Blues Brothers. Saturday Night Live. A gift for comedy practically unmatched in the history of cinema—John Belushi is one of America's greatest icons. Belushi died of an overdose at the age of thirty-three, defined by fame, success, and an insatiable hunger for life. This graphic novel offers readers a new perspective on one of the most prominent figures in American comedy, chronicling Belushi's rise and fall and showing how wild success can turn into sudden tragedy. Through a story rich in tenderness and passion, it brings to life the irreverent, excessive, crazy, profane, unpredictable spirit of an actor considered to be the ultimate testament to free thought and nonconformity.

**ALBERTO SCHIAVONE** was born in Turin, Italy. Alberto studied art and worked for several years as a bookseller. He now lives in Milan, where he works as a book promoter. Before *Belushi: On a Mission from God*, he published three novels. He loves ice wine and looks a lot like John Belushi himself.

**MATTEO MANERA** was born in Cuneo, Italy, close to Turin. He is a designer at a communication company. He had worked with numerous Italian magazines before his first graphic novel, published in 2013. He's such a huge John Belushi fan, Matteo even changed his honeymoon plans in order to visit the Saturday Night Live studio.

**THE TRAGIC TALE OF JOHN BELUSHI, ONE OF AMERICA'S GREATEST COMEDIC ICONS**

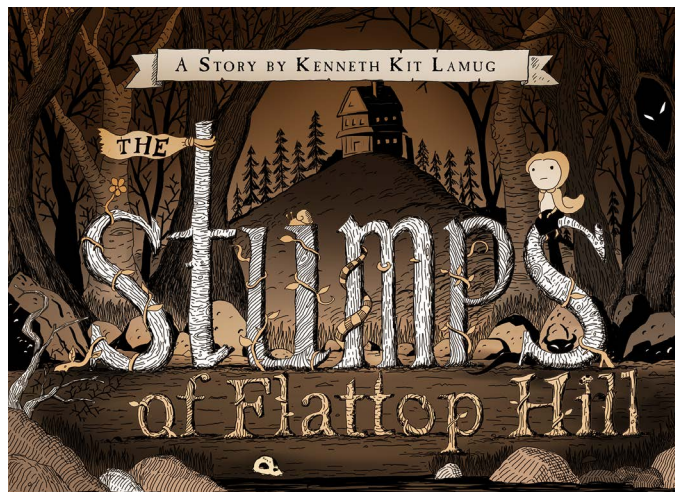
Available at Diamond Comics Distributors:  
Diamond item number: Belushi: **JAN161577**

### What to know:

- *John Belushi is one of American's most beloved and tragic American icons.*
- *This is the only known graphic novel to tackle the story of John Belushi.*
- *Comedy legends and fans worldwide recognize John Belushi as a forerunner for progressive American comedy and a true American icon*

### Marketing:

- *New York Comic Con booth and promotion.*
- *Free reading copies available.*
- *Reviews on all major manga and comic book blogs, websites, and magazines!*



## THE STUMPS OF FLATTOP HILL

BY KENNETH KIT LAMUG

ISBN: 978-1-935548-86-7  
Hardcover | \$18.95 | 40 pages | 9 X 6.5 in. |  
Picture Book

They dared Florence to enter the haunted house on top of the hill. She is frightened, but Florence musters the courage to go inside. As she makes her way up to the top she finds many ghastly things along the way. Will she make it back out or be turned into a stump forever? *The Stumps of Flattop Hill* is a macabre tale of a little girl who enters the town's legendary haunted house in the face of fear. A dark tale for children in the tradition of the Brother's Grimm, it calls to mind the provocative illustration style of Edward Gorey. Scary and entertaining, this book challenges the idea of what children's books can be.

**KENNETH KIT LAMUG** is the author and illustrator of the award-winning picture book, *A Box Story* and the graphic adventure comic, *The Tall Tales of Talbot Toluca*. He is also known for his macabre illustrations in the children's fairytale magazine *Underneath The Juniper Tree*. When he's not spending time with his wife and three mini rabble boys, he creates new monsters in his underground lab.

**A NEW MACABRE TALE FROM THE AUTHOR OF A BOX STORY!**

### Awards for *A Box Story* (author's previous title):

- **Pinnacle Book Awards Winner 2012 for Children's Interest**
- **The National Association of Book Entrepreneurs Literary Classics Seal of Approval**
- **Moonbeam Children's Book Awards Silver**
- **National Indie Excellence Book Awards Finalist**

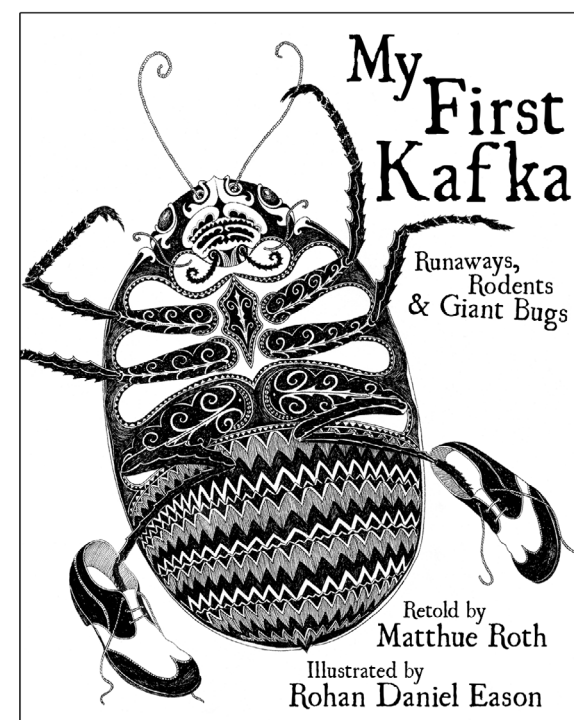
### Marketing:

- Nominations for major children's literary awards
- Reviews in major magazines and sites:  
*Booklist, PW, School Library Journal*
- Reading copies available!

### Praise for *A Box Story* (author's previous title):

With a nod to the fact that containers often interest kids as much as what's inside, a web designer meditates on the many uses of this most practical (and abstract) of packages: "A box can keep your secrets . . . or reveal an unexpected surprise." Lovely and inspiring.

— **Foreword Reviews**



## MY FIRST KAFKA RUNAWAYS, RODENTS & GIANT BUGS

BY MATTHUE ROTH

ILLUSTRATED BY ROHAN DANIEL EASON

ISBN: 978-1-935548-25-6  
Hard cover | \$18.95 | 32 pages | 8X10 in. |  
Children's Picture Book / JUV Fiction

Runaway children who meet up with monsters. A giant talking bug. A secret world of mouse-people. The stories of Franz Kafka are wondrous and nightmarish, miraculous and scary. In *My First Kafka*, storyteller Matthue Roth and artist Rohan Daniel Eason adapt three Kafka stories into startling, creepy, fun stories for all ages. With *My First Kafka*, the master storyteller takes his rightful place alongside Maurice Sendak, Edward Gorey, and Lemony Snicket as a literary giant for all ages.

**MATTHUE ROTH** is a writer and video game designer. His first novel, *Never Mind the Goldbergs*, was nominated as an ALA Best Book and named a Best Book by the New York Public Library. He co-produced the irreverent animated Bible series G-dcast, and his screenplay *1/20* was produced as a feature film. He lives in Brooklyn with his wife, the chef Itta Roth, and their children, and he keeps a secret diary at [www.matthue.com](http://www.matthue.com).

**ROHAN DANIEL EASON** studied Fine Art Painting in Kingston, London in 2000. On graduating he turned to fashion, creating fabric prints and concepts for Italian designer, Annette Olivieri. Rohan creates images for editorial media, publishing, and advertising. He is the illustrator of Geoff Cox's *Anna* and the *Witch's Bottle* and James Palumbo's *Tancredi*. Rohan presently lives in London, England.

**3 KAFKA STORIES REIMAGINED FOR ALL AGES**

*"The adaptation is so smooth, and the stories so naturally eerie and imaginative, that if it rhymed one would assume Seuss wrote it."*

— **The New Yorker**

*"Creepy Cute."*

— **WIRED**

*"Matthue Roth continues to astound with his brilliance and novelty. Everything he touches turns to mystical and delightful artistic gold. Fearless, funny, and fantastically fantastical."*

— **Mayim Bialik, Ph.D., actress, The Big Bang Theory**



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**ANNA SUDO** is a graduate of the Kansas City Art Institute. After spending a decade in Japan, she returned to the Midwest and rediscovered American yarns. She found that showcasing the producers and quality of these yarns in her original designs was an intuitive way to reconnect with her own roots. She is currently based in Kansas City, MO.

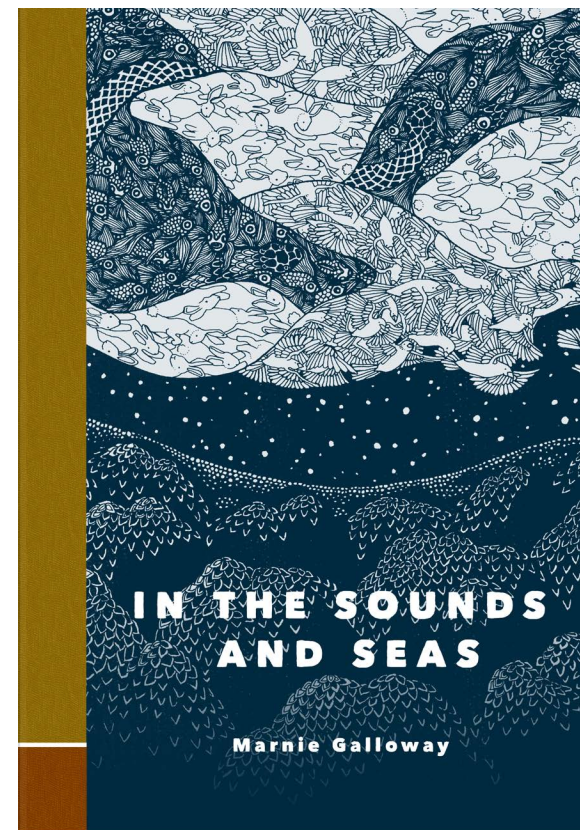
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**MARNIE GALLOWAY** is a comic artist and illustrator working in Chicago, Illinois. She was born in Austin, Texas and studied philosophy and symbolic logic at Smith College. Galloway's comics have appeared in numerous anthologies and magazines, including *Saveur Magazine*, *Cricket Magazine*, and the *826CHI Compendium*. While she has published shorter works, *In the Sounds and Seas* is her first graphic novel.

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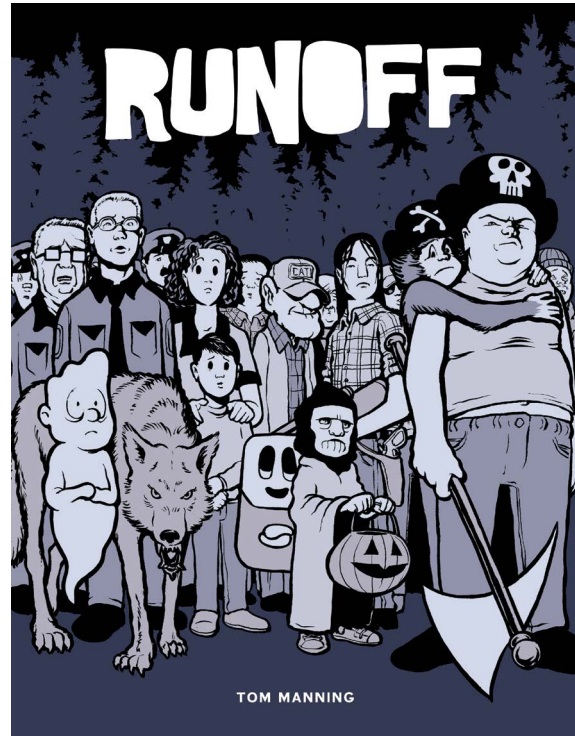
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— **Brian Cremins, Comics Scholar**



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BY TOM MANNING

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**TOM MANNING** was raised in Enumclaw, Washington. His first graphic novel, RACECAR, was published in 1999. He followed it with the comic book series *Runoff*, and *Eric*. Manning has also collaborated as a writer, illustrator, and designer a number of books including *Eating Animals* with Jonathan Safran Foer, and *Mobile Money Afghanistan*, *In the Hands of God*, and *Journeys for Water* with Jan Chipchase.

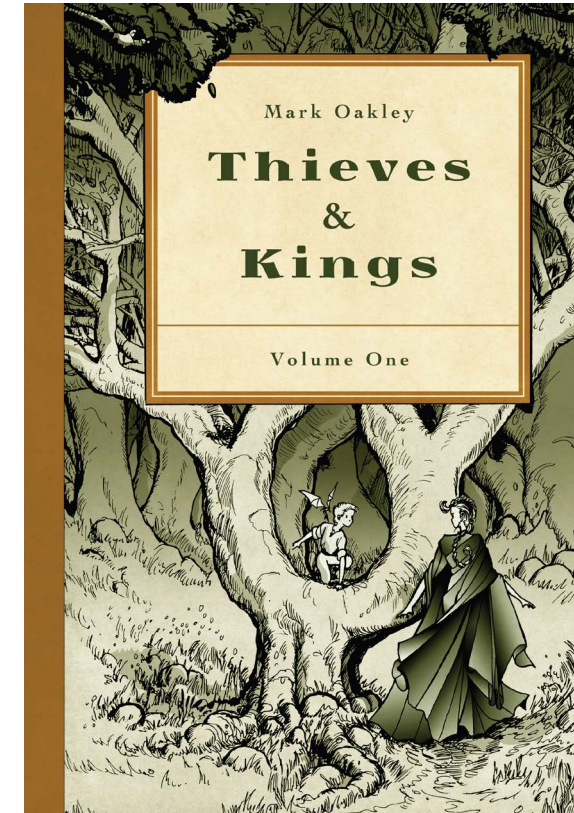
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### Marketing:

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- **Reviews on all major manga and comic book blogs, websites, and magazines!**



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**MARK OAKLEY** worked in animation for years before, enthralled by the idea of having complete control over a project, he moved to Wolfville, NS, and started drawing comics. His major works include *Thieves & Kings* and *Stardrop*.

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BY OSAMU DAZAI

TRANSLATED BY ALLISON MARKIN POWELL

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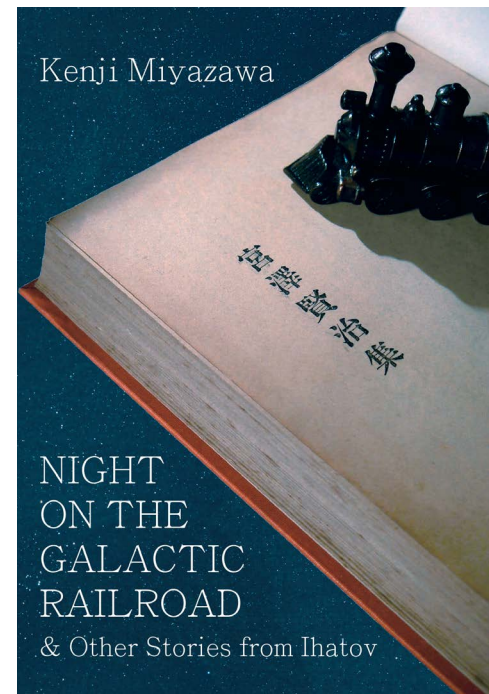
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**OSAMU DAZAI** is one of the most highly respected author's of modern Japan and is widely regarded as one of the most important figures in post-war Japanese literature. He was widely known by contemporaries for his eclectic lifestyle, inventive use of language, and his multiple suicide attempts, which led to his final, successful attempt in 1948. His two major novels, *No Longer Human* and *The Setting Sun*, continue to be widely read and leave a vibrant legacy for one of Japan's greatest writers.

**ALLISON MARKIN POWELL** is a literary translator and editor in New York City. She has worked in the editorial departments of American and Japanese book and magazine publishing. Her published translations include the manga series *Eyeshield 21*; the novel *Only the Ring Finger Knows* by Satoru Kannagi; and a biography of Hideki Matsui written by the novelist Shizuka Ijuin. She also edited the Japan issue of *Words Without Borders*.

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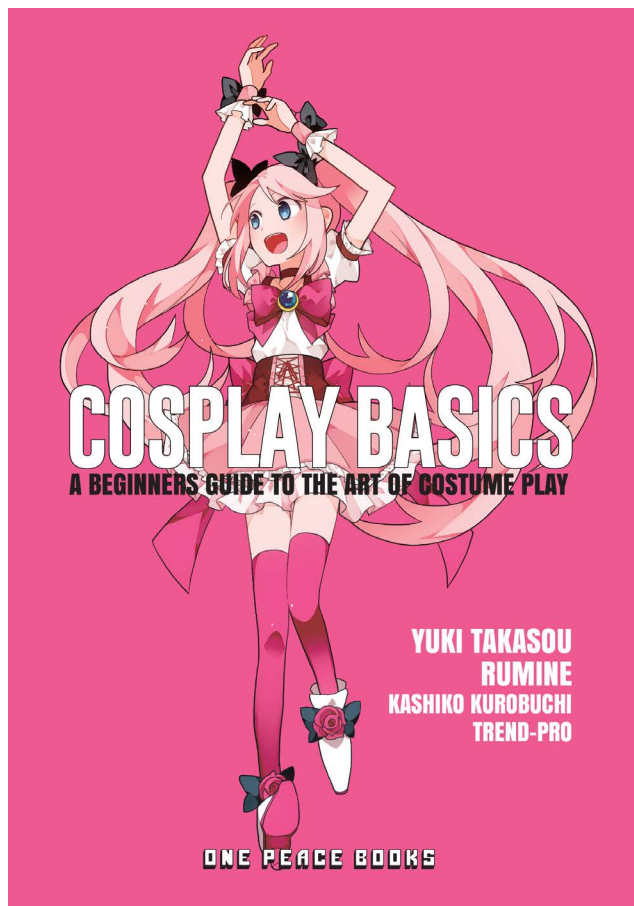
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Kenji Miyazawa (1896-1933) is one of Japan's most beloved writers and poets, known particularly for his sensitive and symbolist children's fiction. This volume collects stories which focus on Miyazawa's love of space and his use of the galaxy as a metaphor for the concepts of purity, self-sacrifice and faith which were near and dear to his heart. "The Nighthawk Star" follows an lowly bird as he struggles to transform himself into something greater, a constellation in the night sky; "Signal & Signal-less" depicts a pair of star-crossed train signals who dream of eloping to the moon; and "Night on the Galactic Railroad," Miyazawa's most famous work, tells the story of two boys as they journey upon a train that traverses the cosmos, learning the true meaning of friendship, happiness and life itself along the way.

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**YUKI TAKASOU** is an avid cosplayer and costume designer. She spends her time offering help and advice to other fellow cosplayers, such as creating free costume patterns. She also actively helps supports the cosplay online community by offering help to dedicated start-up cosplay websites.

**RUMINE** is a writer, designer and teacher. She is an aspiring actor and voice actor. She enjoys and supports the cosplay community and regularly receives new orders for her original costume designs.

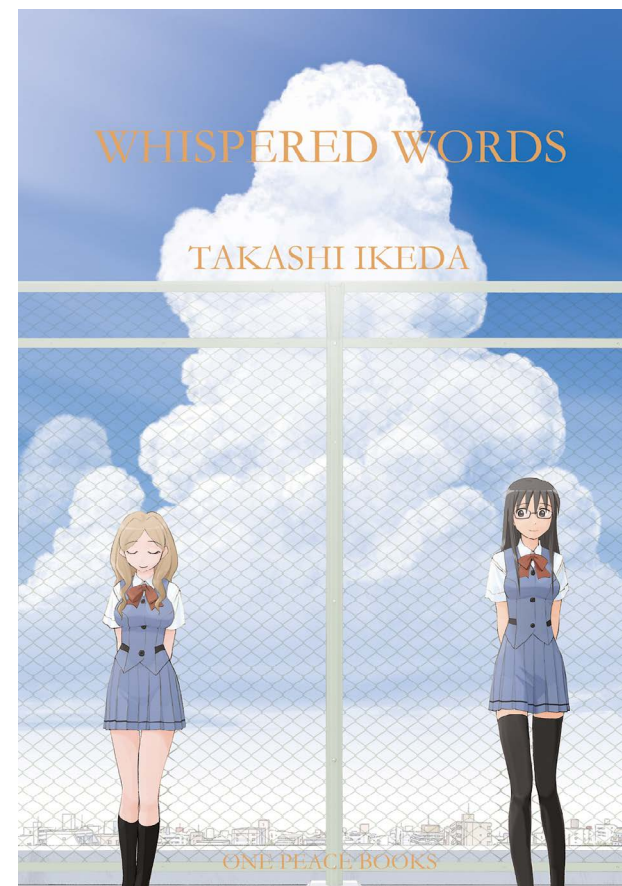
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